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Examiner: AZIZ, Keith T. Art Unit: 4122
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For: **PROCESS AND MACHINE FOR WATER
PROOFING SEMIMANUFACTURED FOOTWEAR,
CLOTHING ITEMS AND ACCESSORIES, AND
SEMIMANUFACTURED PRODUCTS OBTAINED
WITH SAID PROCESS OR MACHINE**
Confirmation No.: 6542

RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
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May 19, 2009

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated April 20, 2009, the following remarks are made:

A. RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicant elects to prosecute in this patent application Group I, claims 1-12, drawn to a process for waterproofing items. This response is made with traverse, and it is urged that Groups I-IV be examined together. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

The Examiner indicated that the inventions listed in Groups I-IV do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because they lack the same or corresponding special technical features. However, the technical feature of the present invention is waterproofing semimanufactured items. In addition, the product of nonelected Groups II, III and